GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ORDERS TO KEL COMPANY IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the state owned Kerala Electrical and Allied Engineering Company Ltd. Kundara, Kerala being the only PSU manufacturing Brushless Alternators and regulators being used by the Railways, for lighting and air-conditioning of coaches, is being denied supply orders, giving preferential treatment to few private firms;

(b) if so, whether sufficient orders are not placed on the K.E.L. the PSU may have to declare lay-off leading to loss of job of over 500 employees;

(c) if so, whether the Government has set any plan to place maximum orders at least in the tender now being evaluated by the Railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) As per extant policy of Government of India, the tenders are finalized on merit duly considering the rate quoted, capacity/capability, past performance of various bidders participating in the tender. As such, any firm including Kerala Electrical and Allied Engineering Company Ltd. (KEL) have to compete in the tender to obtain order.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.